#### Montana Teen Driver Education and Training

## Module 1 Introduction & Overview

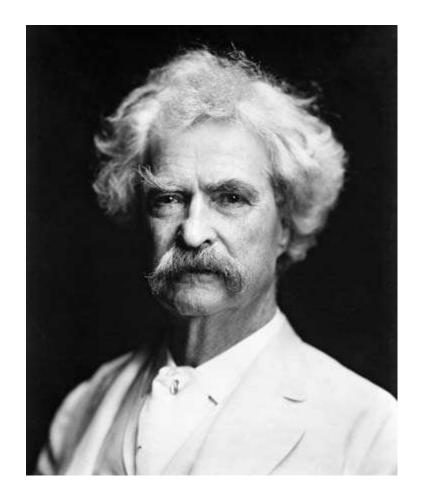
PARENT MEETINGS
AND REQUIREMENTS





Driver Education, GDL, and Parent Involvement





Education is the path from cocky ignorance to miserable uncertainty.

Mark Twain





#### What Can Parents Do?

- · Be a role model for safe and smart driving
- Enroll your teen in Driver Education
- Supervise teen driving
- Set family driving rules, limits and consequences
- Know Montana's Graduated Driver License Law <a href="https://doj.mt.gov/driving/driver-licensing/#newdrivers">https://doj.mt.gov/driving/driver-licensing/#newdrivers</a>



### **Driver Education Parent Meeting**

- Course schedule
- Requirements
- Expectations of the teen student and the parents/guardians
- Montana Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) law
  - Requires 50 hours of supervised practice driving including 10 hours at night with an adult
  - Teens need 2 hours of driving practice each week to meet the required
     50 hours within 6 months Learner licenses are valid for one year
  - Limits passengers and restricts night driving with first year license



## What are the risks facing young teen drivers?

- Inexperience
- Speed
- Distractions
- Fatigue
- Alcohol is involved in about 16% of fatal crashes involving 16- and 17-year-old drivers

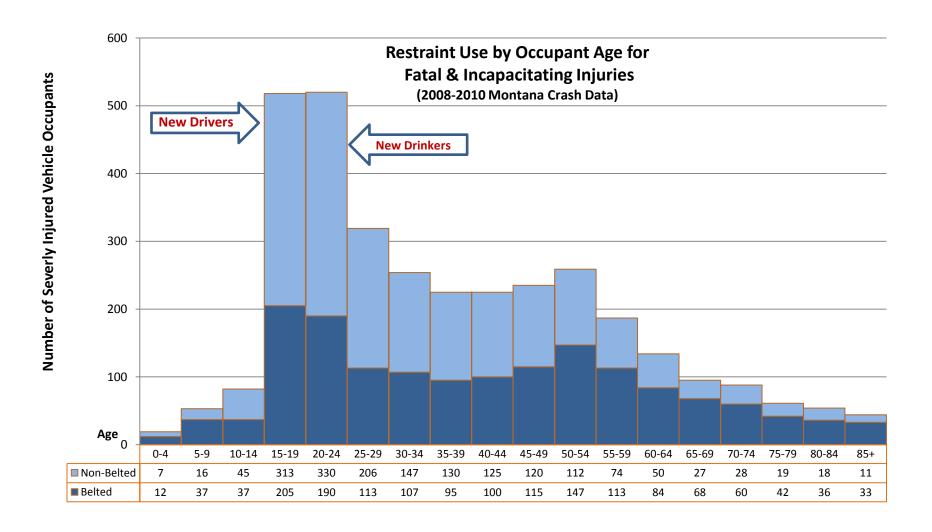


These factors cause crashes, but what *kills*?

Not wearing a seat belt



#### **Montana Crash Data**





## Major causes of vehicle crashes in Montana

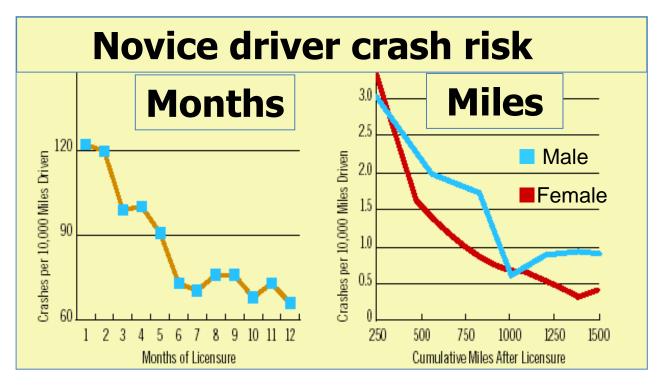


Inattentiveness, carelessness and driving speed accounted for over 50% of Montana crashes in the past 10 years.



## Teen drivers are inexperienced

Crashes often occur in the first 6 months or 1000 miles of driving



Source: Mayhew, 2002; McCartt et al, 2001 Confirmed in 2011 Research AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety



#### **Montana Teen Crashes**

All new drivers—even straight-A students and "good kids"—are more likely than experienced drivers to be involved in a crash



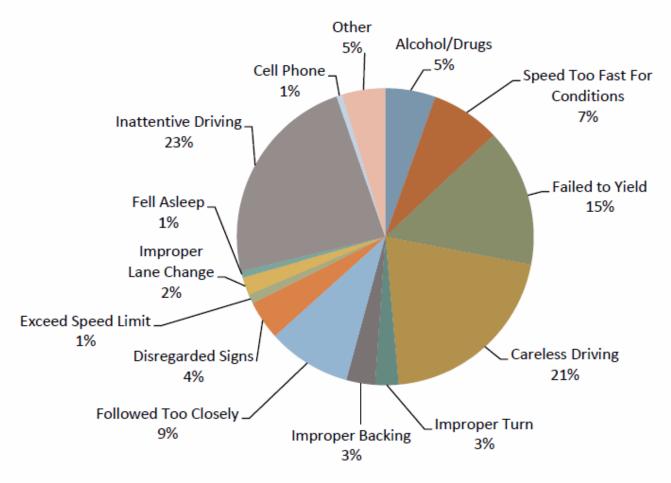


#### The major causes of teen crashes in Montana:

- Speed too fast at curves
- Failure to see Line of Sight Path of Travel (LOS-POT) far enough in advance
- Rain, loose gravel, sand, snow, ice
- Out-of-balance SUV or pickup truck overturning

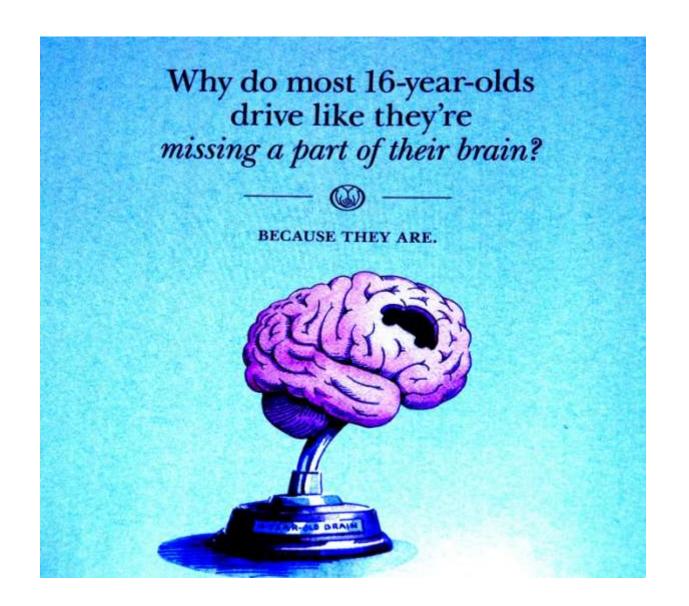


## Driver's Contributing Circumstances in Crashes (2009 Data)



Source: Montana Department of Transportation - Safety Management System







## Failures are infinitely more instructive than successes.



-- George Clooney, actor, film director, producer, and screenwriter





#### **Driving in Montana**

#### Instruction Permits and Learner Licenses





	PERMITS USED FOR TRAFFIC EDUCATION								
TEP Traffic Education Permit	AGE*- enrolled in approved traffic education program *Enrollment age is subject to school policy	DURATION Only during approved traffic education course with traffic education instructor. TEP expires at the end of class	RESTRICTION  Drive only with approved traffic education instructor during driver education class						
TELL - Traffic Education Learner License	AGE at least 14 ½ and enrolled in or successfully completed approved traffic education course	DURATION Valid for one year  May use until eligible for Restricted License	RESTRICTION  Drive only with traffic education instructor, licensed parent or legal guardian**						

**NOTE: IF PARENT	S OR LEGAL GUARDIANS \	WANT THEIR STUDENT TO	DRIVE WITH OTHER						
ADULTS DURING THE GDL PERMIT PHASE, STUDENTS MUST OBTAIN AN INSTRUCTION PERMIT									
PERMI	PERMIT AVAILABLE AFTER OR WITHOUT TRAFFIC EDUCATION								
Instruction	AGE 15 after	DURATION	RESTRICTION						
	successful completion	Valid for one year	Drive only with						
Permit (IP)/	of approved traffic		licensed parent, legal						
Learner	education course; or		guardian or licensed						
	age 16 without traffic		adult driver who is						
License	education		authorized by parent						

	GDL Restricted	Full Privilege
	License	Driver License
	BEGINS after student has	BEGINS after student
	had any combination of	has completed one-year
	TEP, TELL or IP at least six	GDL restricted license
	months AND while holding	period or if the student
	the permit(s), the student	turns 18 before the one-
	has completed 50 hours of	year restricted license
	supervised driving practice	period is complete, when
	- 10 hours must be at night	the student turns 18
	DURATION One Year	DURATION
	DORATION OTHE TEST	EXPIRES ON 215T BIRTHDAY
	GDL RESTRICTIONS -	REMEMBER
	<ul> <li>First 6 months only one unrelated passenger</li> </ul>	Drive Safely
	> Second 6 months up to	•
	3 unrelated passengers	Follow the rules of
	> Each occupant must	the road
	wear a seat belt	Fuervene wears
	<ul> <li>No driving between</li> </ul>	Everyone wears a
	11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.	seat belt
	Exceptions to night driving	Drive sober
	restrictions include	Dive sober
	emergencies, travel to and	
	from school, church, or	
	work and farm related	
1	activities	



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#### **Graduated Driver License**

Four Key Objectives

Expand Learning Process

Minimize Crash Risk Exposure

**GDL** 

Improve Driving
Skills

Motivate for Safety



### **GDL Step One: 50 hours • 10 at night**

The Starting Line is knowing the Rules of the Road ... then it's time to practice







Driving experience develops competence



#### **GDL Step One: Learner License**

**Seatbelts required** – for everyone – all the time

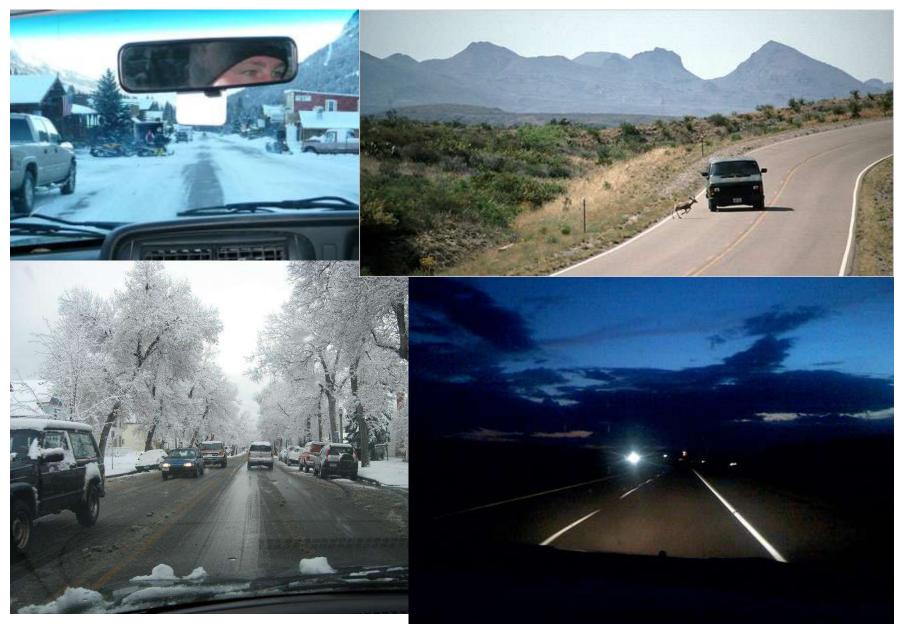
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Learner licenses are valid for one year



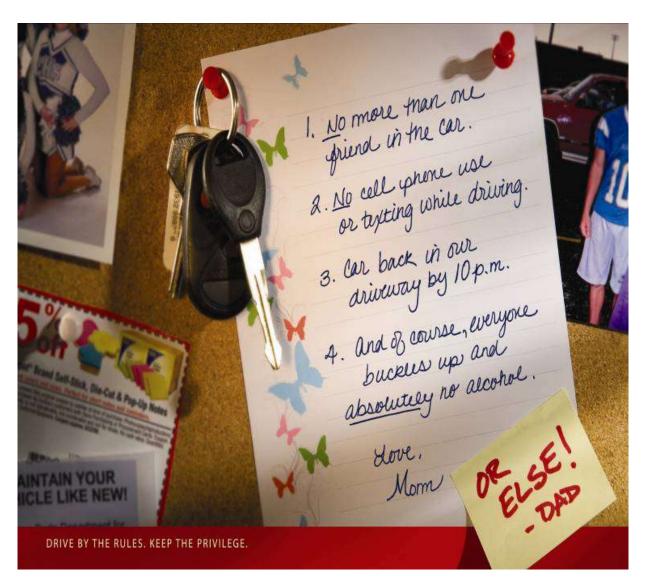




Practice driving in varied road and stormy weather conditions as teen's driving skills improve



## **GDL First-Year Restricted License**





#### **Montana GDL Restrictions**

**Seatbelts required** – for everyone – all the time

#### Passengers –

First 6 months – only one Second 6 months – up to 3 Best Practices: No passengers

Night restrictions
11:00 PM - 5:00 AM

Best Practices:
The real risk is darkness

Parents are the Key to Teen Driver Safety







Highest lifetime crash risk is in the first year of independent driving. Lowest risk is when driving with parent/guardian.



#### **CAN I BORROW THE CAR?**

## The conversation starter that might keep a teen from crashing

Recommend that teens ask for the keys at least for the first 6-12 months

Parent's opportunity to:

- review house rules
- help with trip decisions
- provide support on peer pressure



Children's Hospital of Philadelphia http://www.teendriverssource.org/ 2011



#### **CAN I RIDE WITH A FRIEND?**





#### IS YOUR FRIEND A SAFE DRIVER?



Inexperienced teen drivers increase risk for passengers – 54% of 14-year-old passenger deaths happen when a teen is driving





## **Steering for Balance and Control**

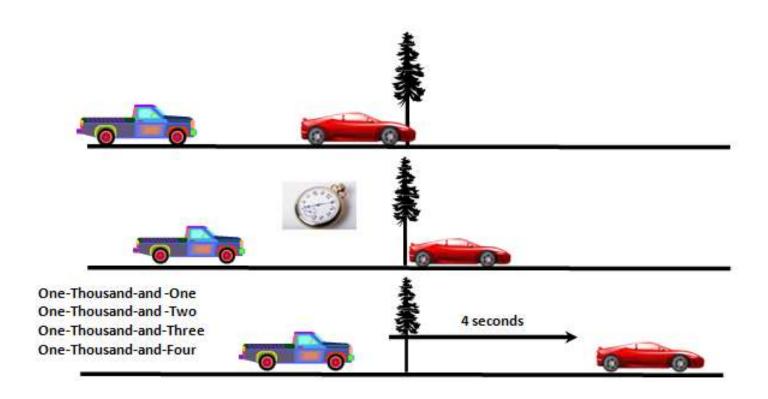




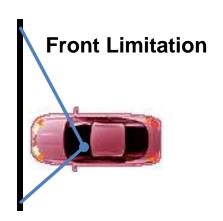




## **Minimum Following Distance**

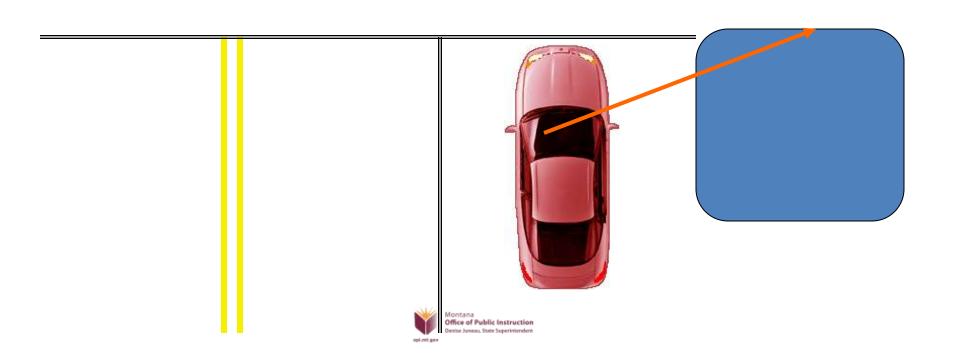


#### **Reference Points**



Knowing where the front end of your vehicle is when you are:

- AT INTERSECTIONS
- IN A STOPPING POSITION
- PERPENDICULAR PARKING



## LOS-POT Line of Sight - Path of Travel



## Targeting Find • Solve • Control



#### **Distractions**



- Visual Eyes off the road
- 2. Cognitive Mind off the road
- 3. Manual Hands off the steering wheel

Nearly 8 out of 10 crashes happen within 3 seconds of a driver becoming distracted.



#### **Distractions**

Passenger Research on Teen Driving



Your teen one passenger

#### doubles

the fatal crash risk

for drivers 16-19 years of age.



3+ passengers **quadruples** (4x) the crash risk for 16-19 year olds.



### **Distractions**





- 50.2% of Montana high school students reported texting and 53.3% used a cell phone while driving during the past 30 days (YRBS 2011)
- Text messaging creates a crash risk
   23 times worse than driving while not distracted. (VTTI)



• Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds -- the equivalent of driving blind for the length of an entire football field at 55 mph. (VTTI)

http://www.distraction.gov/

### **Traffic Education Program Policies**

- Class schedule
- Attendance
- Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) scheduling
- Driving To Traffic Education
- Classroom make-up sessions
- BTW make-up sessions
- Tardiness
- Drive groups
- Successful Completion
- Other



### **Montana KEYS Parent Teen Homework**

rain

road



performance to help us keep track.

Parent-Teen Homework Assignments to Increase Driver Safety ASSIGNMENT SHEET FOR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT #1 Safety Precautions & Safety Equipment

Date Phone number Instructions Together, parent & teen need to: (1) read over the information provided in the information Sheet for Homework Assignment #1, (2) fully & thoroughly perform the parent-teen activities listed in this Assignment Sheet, & (3) complete & turn in this Assignment Sheet to your driver education class. . Materials needed: Parent, teen, this assignment sheet, pencil or pen, vehicle, & something to use as a blindfold. . Time needed: Each activity can take 10-30 minutes & can be done separately, at different times.

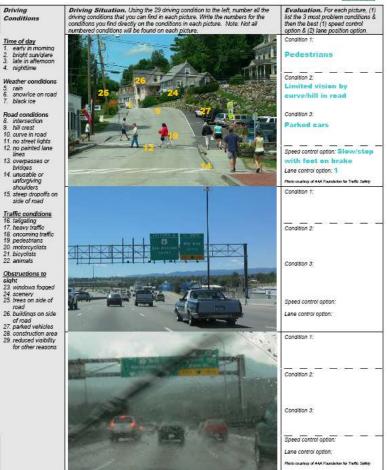
performance as 'good," fair," or 'heeds improvement." No matter what the rating, please list comments about teen's Grading: Grading of Assignment #1 is based ONLY on completing the activities, not on the actual ratings for teen <u>progress</u>. Thus, a \*needs improvement\* rating will not lower your teen's grade. This information is important for tracking student progress 8 providing you with feedback for ways to improve.

. Directions: After completing each activity, check (E) the box to show that it was completed & then parent rates teen's

E	Activities for Safety Precautions (Use information from Box A on the information Sheet)		Rating (EI) NI = needs Improvement					
	Vehicle-Related Activity: Vehicle Tasks: To assess knowledge, teen (1) felts parent how to go about doing the following tasks while (2) physically locating & taking out the necessary equipment à materials for the tasks, a: (3) performing the tasks: Parent checks accuracy using information from Box A on the Information Sheet or the affects manual.	Good	Fair	M	Comments			
0	Change a tire (something to block tires with, Jack, Jug nut wrench, spare tire, Jug nuts). You can opt to simulate the experience by getting out all of the needed equipment & *pretending* to do it.	0	0					
0	Jumps start the engine (jumper cables, vehicle battery, positive/negative battery terminals, 8 position of positive/negative clamps on good/bad batter/est. Simulate the experience by getting out all of the needed equipment 8 "pretending" to do it BUT DO NOT HOOK UP CABLES TO VEHICLE BATTERIES.	0	0	0				
0	Check the oil (guidelines in the owner's manual for checking the oil, dipstick, oil cap, dipstick reading)	0	0					
0	Check other fluids (guidelines in the owner's manual for checking the steering, brake, transmission, & windshield fluids)	0		0				
0	Go to an air station & put air in the tires (air pressure guidelines in the owner's manual, tire pressure gauge, air stems)	0		0				
0	Go to a fuel station & put the correct fuel in the vehicle (fuel tank cover, fuel tank cap)	0	0	0				

#### Parent-Teen Activity #4: Driving Pictures





Each picture represents the perspective and quality of the driver's view.



## Montana KEYS Skill Assessment and Parent Teen Agreement

Date Knowledge Skill Performance Adaptability





SAFE DRIVING BEHAVIORS

#### **Keep Track of Driver Progress**

Directions: Rate teen driver safety knowledge, skill, performance, & adaptability to date for the following safe driving behaviors. Repeat this assessment every 2 months to track teen safe driving progress. Use the following rating system:

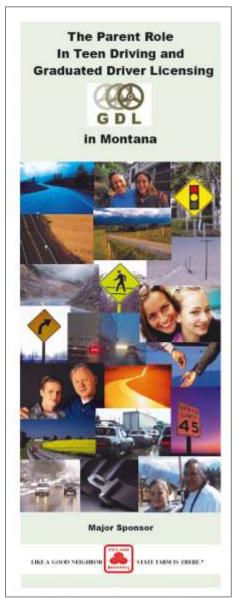
0 = not enough information to judge at this time ~ 1 = needs improvement ~ 2 = fair ~ 3 = good

Remember, performing a behavior correctly a couple of times does not mean competence! Competence means always performing the behavior correctly in many different kinds of driving situations.  Prepared: Adjusts seat, steering wheel, & mirrors, & wears seat belt  Positive attitude: Is a courteous driver		information to use related to how knowled maneuv	nation to use to how knowledge &	navigates roadways & interacts with roadway user		s & 10US	Parent-Teen Agreement for Safe Driving Expectations				
Follows laws: Always follows traffic laws & traffic control devices. Wears seat belt, stays within the speed limit, determines right-of-way, never drives after using alcohol or other drugs, etc.					SAFE DRIVING TORICS	Knows &	scussion understands the n related to safety	Pulles Expectations for safety navigating rountways & interacting with other roadway users		in Violations & Consequences Fair consequences determined Together by parent & tren	
Starts & stops: "Smooth" starts & stops							tance of obeying all	□ Obey all traffic laws	33.00.00.00.00		
Steering control: "Smooth" steering					Traffic:		i (including seat belt ing within posted	Otiey all traffic control devices (oignals, signs, & lines)	☐ Teen did not make all	(write in amount of time)	
Vision control: Constantly searches driving environment (mirrors & head turning) looking for signs, vehicles, bedestrians, bioyolists, etc.					Lanz		itc) & traffic control ignals, signs, &	Wear seat beit as driver or passenger     Have all passengers wear cost beits     Drive within posted speed limits	persengers wear seat belts	Other_ (write in what & amount of time)	
Blindspots: Checks "blindspots" by looking over the shoulder before turning or changing lanes					Alcohol & Other Drivas	The noks related to using alcohol or other drugs & always				Loss shiving privileges for (write in amount of time)  Other	
Speed control: Stays within the speed limit & chooses a speed that is appropriate for traffic conditions, weather conditions, road conditions, etc.					Courteous	C) The impor	tance of being a driver, including the	ilde home)  1 Use signal lights, breek lights; & lane position for communication  1 Have a patient diving attitude	D Teen got a	(write in what 6 amount of time)  Lose driving privileges for (write in amount of time)	
Attention: Constantly monitors lane position, speed control, & mirrors					Driving	need to communicate with other mad upers & to have patient driving attitude		Never show aggressive driving or road rage     Never necount to other's aggressive driving or road rage	disket for aggressive shoring	D Other (entire in what 6 amount of time)	
Communication: Uses turn signals when turning or changing lanes							tance of wision.	☐ Never put yourself or others at risk by driving too fast for conditions ☐ Teens should have extensive supervised practice on high-opeed roads before they are allowed to other at high opeeds on their own ☐ Once Scenes	☐ Year got a dicket for apealing 10mph over the apeal Amit	D Lose driving privileges for (write in amount of time)  D Other (write in what & amount of time)	
ntersections: Looks ahead to intersections to determine what is there even before getting there					Vision, Balance, & Judgment	driving	l jivigment for salle are of dinving at high				
Right-of-Way: Watches for right-of-way situations & determines appropriate rules						apeeds	-031F200#200#20	experience driving in low-risk conditions—at lower speeds—before they shive at high speeds		(write at what & amount or sme)	
Turns: Signals, searches, & keeps speeds fluid through the turn. The left turn is a wide, sweeping turn at a fairly regular speed. The right turn is a tighter, slower turn.							related to driving in mether conditions	Never put yourself or others at increased risk by making unnecessary hips in adverse weather     Pay even more attention while driving at dawn/dusk/hight analog.	☐ Teen made an unnecessary trip		
Gap Selection: Chooses an appropriate "qap" when entering traffic or entering or turning onto another street.					Driving Conditions	diametr/dust	note related to driving in  with these passengers. Teens should have extensive supervised practice in adverse  weather, dusticidaminightime, report, & traffic conditions define they	under unuals oircumatanceo (adverse	D Lose driving privileges for [write in amount of firms]		
Accelerates:Merges: Smoothly gets up or down to the appropriate speed while maintaining lane position. On highways, uses the on/off ramps to help build or decrease speed.						road & tre	Mic conditions related to driving passengers	are allowed to think in them on their own.  If Once Scenoed, hears should have estensive independent experience driving is tow-risk conditions—fair weather conditions, daylight driving, NO PASSENSERS, & fair road & harfic conditions—before they drive under splaces striving conditions.	weather, road, or helfic consistions/	(write in what & amount of time)	
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Night Driving: Slows & constantly searches the driving environment when driving under low light or dark conditions					Unsafe Driving	distracted driving, drowsy driving, & driving when angry, speet, or overly bred		Reduce distractions while driving from passengers, radio CDs, cell phone, eating, etc.     Never shire when angry, upoet, or overly first!	while fallising or feeting on the cell phone	(write in enount of time)  Di Other (write in enter & emount of time)	
Wet conditions: Slows & constantly searches the driving environment when driving under wet or icy conditions					We unde	rstand & ago	ree to abide by 8	enforce these expectations for safe driving. Parent Ini	tials: Too	n Initials: Date:	

<sup>\*</sup> Contact your teen's driver education instructor if you would like more of these handouts to assess teen driving



## **GDL Driving Practice Log**



- GDL information
- Techniques for guiding teen driver's practice period
- Log to track practice time
- Parent/Teen Contract



### **Getting Your Driver License**



Check to see if the driver exam station requires appointments.

https://doj.mt.gov/driving/appointment-scheduling

#### **Bring:**

- ☐ CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE (not a copy)
- ☐ SOCIAL SECURITY CARD (not a copy)
- ☐ Cancelled mail showing your name and mailing address (can't be a post office box)
- Parent/legal guardian to sign consent
- Driving practice log

Driver License Exam Stations require TWO forms of identification.

The list of additional documents which are accepted ONLY at Driver Exam Stations can be found at <a href="https://www.doj.mt.gov/driving">www.doj.mt.gov/driving</a>



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#### State of Montana

#### APPLICATION FOR DRIVER LICENSE ~ Minors Only ~

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# You've invested time and caring to grow them well and keep them healthy and safe



Your time and caring are needed now more than ever.

